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## POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND BY COUNTIES AND MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS.

This bulletin, prepared under the direction of Mr. WILLIAM C. HUNT, chief statistician for population, gives the aggregate population of Rhode Island by counties and minor civil divisions, according to the official count of the returns of the Twelfth Census, taken as of June 1, 1900.

Rhode Island was one of the original thirteen states. Table 1 shows the population of Rhode Island at each census from 1790 to 1900, inclusive, together with the increase by number and per cent during each decade.

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND: 1790 TO 1900.

| CENSUS YEARS. | Population. | INCREASE. |           |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|               |             | Number.   | Per cent. |
| 1900.....     | 428,556     | 83,050    | 24.0      |
| 1890.....     | 345,506     | 68,975    | 24.9      |
| 1880.....     | 276,531     | 59,178    | 27.2      |
| 1870.....     | 217,858     | 42,733    | 24.5      |
| 1860.....     | 174,620     | 27,075    | 18.4      |
| 1850.....     | 147,545     | 38,715    | 35.6      |
| 1840.....     | 108,830     | 11,681    | 12.0      |
| 1830.....     | 97,199      | 14,184    | 17.1      |
| 1820.....     | 83,015      | 6,084     | 7.9       |
| 1810.....     | 76,931      | 7,809     | 11.3      |
| 1800.....     | 69,122      | 297       | 0.4       |
| 1790.....     | 68,825      | .....     | .....     |

The population of the state in 1900 is 428,556 as compared with a population in 1890 of 345,506, representing an increase since 1890 of 83,050, or 24.0 per cent. A noticeable feature of the census record of Rhode Island is that the population has increased in substantially the same ratio for four succeeding decades. For the first half of the century the growth of the state, as indicated by census returns, was by relatively small and fluctuating ratios, but for the latter half, the increase has been considerable for each succeeding decade.

The population of Rhode Island in 1900 is more than six times as large as the population for 1790, when the first census of the state was taken.

The total land surface of Rhode Island is, approximately, 1,053 square miles, the average number of persons to the square mile at the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 328.1; 1900, 407.0.

Table 2 shows the population of Rhode Island by counties at each census from 1790 to 1900, inclusive, while table 3, which immediately follows, shows, for each county, the increase by number and per cent during the ten years from 1890 to 1900.

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND BY COUNTIES: 1790 TO 1900.

| COUNTIES.        | 1000    | 1890    | 1880    | 1870    | 1860    | 1850    | 1840    | 1830   | 1820   | 1810   | 1800   | 1790   |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| The State .....  | 428,556 | 345,506 | 276,531 | 217,353 | 174,620 | 147,545 | 108,830 | 97,199 | 83,015 | 76,981 | 69,122 | 68,825 |
| Bristol .....    | 13,144  | 11,428  | 11,394  | 9,421   | 8,907   | 8,514   | 6,476   | 5,446  | 5,637  | 5,072  | 3,801  | 3,211  |
| Kent .....       | 29,976  | 26,754  | 20,588  | 18,695  | 17,303  | 15,068  | 13,083  | 12,789 | 10,227 | 9,834  | 8,487  | 8,848  |
| Newport .....    | 32,599  | 28,552  | 24,180  | 20,050  | 21,886  | 20,007  | 18,874  | 16,535 | 15,770 | 16,294 | 14,845 | 14,300 |
| Providence ..... | 323,683 | 255,123 | 197,874 | 149,190 | 107,799 | 87,526  | 58,073  | 47,018 | 35,698 | 30,769 | 25,854 | 24,391 |
| Washington ..... | 24,154  | 23,649  | 22,495  | 20,097  | 18,715  | 16,430  | 14,324  | 15,411 | 15,683 | 14,962 | 16,135 | 18,075 |

TABLE 3.—INCREASE IN POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND BY COUNTIES: 1890 TO 1900.

| COUNTIES.        | INCREASE. |           |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                  | Number.   | Per cent. |
| The State .....  | 83,050    | 24.0      |
| Bristol .....    | 1,716     | 15.0      |
| Kent .....       | 3,222     | 12.0      |
| Newport .....    | 4,047     | 14.2      |
| Providence ..... | 73,560    | 28.8      |
| Washington ..... | 505       | 2.1       |

There have been no territorial changes in the counties of Rhode Island since 1890.

All the 5 counties of the state have increased in population during the decade, the largest percentage of increase being 28.8 for Providence county, which includes the city of Providence.

Table 4 shows the population of Rhode Island by minor civil divisions, so far as it was separately returned at the censuses of 1890 and 1900.

TABLE 4.—POPULATION OF RHODE ISLAND BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1890 AND 1900.

| MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS.                | 1900    | 1890    | MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS.                   | 1900    | 1890    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|
| <b>BRISTOL COUNTY</b> .....           | 13,144  | 11,428  | <b>PROVIDENCE COUNTY—Continued.</b>      |         |         |
| Barrington town .....                 | 1,135   | 1,461   | Foster town .....                        | 1,151   | 1,252   |
| Bristol town .....                    | 6,901   | 6,478   | Glocester town .....                     | 1,462   | 2,035   |
| Warren town .....                     | 5,108   | 4,489   | Johnston town .....                      | 4,805   | 9,778   |
| <b>KENT COUNTY</b> .....              | 29,976  | 26,754  | Lincoln town <sup>1</sup> .....          | 8,937   | 20,355  |
| Coventry town .....                   | 5,279   | 5,068   | North Providence town .....              | 3,016   | 2,081   |
| East Greenwich town .....             | 2,775   | 3,127   | North Smithfield town .....              | 2,422   | 3,173   |
| Warwick town .....                    | 21,316  | 17,761  | Pawtucket city .....                     | 39,231  | 27,683  |
| West Greenwich town .....             | 606     | 798     | Ward 1 .....                             | 11,211  |         |
| <b>NEWPORT COUNTY</b> .....           | 32,599  | 28,552  | Ward 2 .....                             | 5,276   |         |
| Jamestown town .....                  | 1,498   | 707     | Ward 3 .....                             | 4,504   |         |
| Little Compton town .....             | 1,132   | 1,128   | Ward 4 .....                             | 9,952   |         |
| Middletown town .....                 | 1,457   | 1,154   | Ward 5 .....                             | 8,288   |         |
| Newport city .....                    | 22,034  | 19,457  | Providence city .....                    | 175,597 | 182,146 |
| Ward 1 .....                          | 3,833   |         | Ward 1 .....                             | 15,408  |         |
| Ward 2 .....                          | 6,308   |         | Ward 2 .....                             | 15,982  |         |
| Ward 3 .....                          | 4,243   |         | Ward 3 .....                             | 20,413  |         |
| Ward 4 .....                          | 3,942   |         | Ward 4 .....                             | 8,612   |         |
| Ward 5 .....                          | 4,718   |         | Ward 5 .....                             | 14,760  |         |
| New Shoreham town .....               | 1,396   | 1,320   | Ward 6 .....                             | 17,844  |         |
| Portsmouth town .....                 | 2,105   | 1,949   | Ward 7 .....                             | 16,835  |         |
| Tiverton town .....                   | 2,977   | 2,837   | Ward 8 .....                             | 23,746  |         |
| <b>PROVIDENCE COUNTY</b> .....        | 323,683 | 255,123 | Ward 9 .....                             | 17,255  |         |
| Burrillville town .....               | 6,317   | 5,492   | Ward 10 .....                            | 25,242  |         |
| Central Falls city <sup>1</sup> ..... | 18,167  |         | Scituate town .....                      | 3,361   | 3,174   |
| Ward 1 .....                          | 3,437   |         | Smithfield town .....                    | 2,137   | 2,600   |
| Ward 2 .....                          | 4,670   |         | Woonsocket city .....                    | 28,204  | 20,830  |
| Ward 3 .....                          | 2,952   |         | Ward 1 .....                             | 5,569   |         |
| Ward 4 .....                          | 4,216   |         | Ward 2 .....                             | 6,466   |         |
| Ward 5 .....                          | 2,892   |         | Ward 3 .....                             | 4,443   |         |
| Cranston town .....                   | 13,343  | 8,099   | Ward 4 .....                             | 7,193   |         |
| Cumberland town .....                 | 8,925   | 8,090   | Ward 5 .....                             | 4,533   |         |
| East Providence town .....            | 12,138  | 8,422   | <b>WASHINGTON COUNTY</b> .....           | 24,154  | 23,649  |
|                                       |         |         | Charlestown town .....                   | 975     | 915     |
|                                       |         |         | Exeter town .....                        | 841     | 964     |
|                                       |         |         | Hopkinton town .....                     | 2,602   | 2,864   |
|                                       |         |         | Narragansett district <sup>2</sup> ..... | 1,523   | 1,408   |
|                                       |         |         | North Kingstown town .....               | 4,194   | 4,193   |
|                                       |         |         | Richmond town .....                      | 1,506   | 1,669   |
|                                       |         |         | South Kingstown town <sup>2</sup> .....  | 4,972   | 4,823   |
|                                       |         |         | Westerly town .....                      | 7,541   | 6,813   |

<sup>1</sup> Central Falls city organized from part of Lincoln town since 1890.

<sup>2</sup> Narragansett district given as in South Kingstown town in 1890.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of population of Narragansett district.

There are 5 incorporated cities in Rhode Island, for which the population in 1900 is separately returned, and these incorporated places are presented in table 5 in alphabetical order, being abstracted from table 4, in which they are presented in detail under the counties in which they are severally situated.

TABLE 5.—POPULATION OF THE INCORPORATED CITIES OF RHODE ISLAND: 1890 AND 1900.

| CITIES.                 | POPULATION. |         |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                         | 1900        | 1890    |
| Central Falls city..... | 18,167      | .....   |
| Newport city.....       | 22,034      | 19,457  |
| Pawtucket city.....     | 39,231      | 27,633  |
| Providence city.....    | 175,597     | 132,146 |
| Woonsocket city.....    | 28,204      | 20,830  |

Of the above named 5 incorporated places there are 2 that have less than 25,000 inhabitants, namely, Newport, with 22,034, and Central Falls, with 18,167; and 3 that have more than 25,000, namely, Providence, with 175,597; Pawtucket, with 39,231; and Woonsocket, with 28,204 inhabitants. Table 6 shows the population of the cities having more than 25,000 inhabitants at each census from 1790 to 1900, inclusive, so far as it is separately stated in the census reports, together with the increase by number and per cent during each of the ten-year periods.

TABLE 6.—POPULATION OF PAWTUCKET, PROVIDENCE, AND WOONSOCKET: 1790 TO 1900.

| CENSUS YEARS. | PAWTUCKET.  |           |           | PROVIDENCE. |           |           | WOONSOCKET. |           |           |
|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|               | Population. | Increase. |           | Population. | Increase. |           | Population. | Increase. |           |
|               |             | Number.   | Per cent. |             | Number.   | Per cent. |             | Number.   | Per cent. |
| 1900.....     | 39,231      | 11,598    | 42.0      | 175,597     | 43,451    | 32.9      | 28,204      | 7,374     | 35.4      |
| 1890.....     | 27,633      | 8,603     | 45.2      | 132,146     | 27,289    | 26.0      | 20,830      | 4,780     | 29.8      |
| 1880.....     | 19,030      | 12,411    | 187.5     | 104,857     | 35,953    | 52.2      | 16,050      | 4,523     | 39.2      |
| 1870.....     | 6,619       | 2,419     | 57.6      | 68,904      | 18,238    | 36.0      | 11,527      | .....     | .....     |
| 1860.....     | 4,200       | 447       | 11.9      | 50,666      | 9,153     | 22.0      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1850.....     | 3,753       | 1,569     | 71.8      | 41,518      | 18,342    | 79.2      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1840.....     | 2,184       | 725       | 49.7      | 23,171      | 6,388     | 37.7      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1830.....     | 1,459       | .....     | .....     | 16,833      | 5,066     | 43.1      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1820.....     | .....       | .....     | .....     | 11,767      | 1,696     | 16.8      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1810.....     | .....       | .....     | .....     | 10,071      | 2,457     | 32.3      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1800.....     | .....       | .....     | .....     | 7,614       | 1,234     | 19.3      | .....       | .....     | .....     |
| 1790.....     | .....       | .....     | .....     | 6,380       | .....     | .....     | .....       | .....     | .....     |

All of the above named cities have received material accessions to their population during the last ten years, and it is observed that the census history of each is marked by a continuous and vigorous growth. Providence was first enumerated in 1790, when it had a population of 6,380. After a growth of one hundred years the population in 1890 was 132,146, which became 175,597 in 1900, representing an increase during the last decade of 43,451, or 32.9 per cent as against an increase of 26.0 per cent for the decade immediately preceding. More than one-third of the present population of the state is within the boundaries of this city. Pawtucket was first reported separately in 1830, with a population of 1,459, which has increased to 39,231 in 1900, the rate of increase for the last decade being 42.0 per cent as against 45.2 per cent for the preceding decade. Woonsocket made its first appearance as a city in the census of 1870, with a population of 11,527. This has increased to 28,204 in 1900, the gain during the last decade being 35.4 per cent as compared with a gain of 29.8 per cent for the ten years from 1880 to 1890.

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